Updated Statistics

2695. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the statistics available with different organisations under his Ministry have not been updated;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps Government would take to update data like poverty, unemployment, etc.; and

(d) whether Government are considering to engage private organisations for providing updated information?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Ministry updates the Statistics on a regular basis. In fact, the Ministry prepares, in advance the calendar for release of all its publications/ results and normally this calendar is observed.

(c) In so far as poverty is concerned, this Ministry does not estimate poverty, which is done by the Planning Commission. The NSSO collects data on household consumption expenditure every year. However, the Planning Commission uses only the data collected on a large sample basis approximately every five years for poverty estimation. Similarly the data on employment and unemployment is also collected every year with exceptions in some years and estimates of unemployment rates are released in the publications of the NSSO.

(d) There is no proposal under consideration of this Ministry to engage private organizations for providing updated information.

Economic Growth in Cities

2696. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey on the economic growth in the non-metro Class II to Class VI cities has been done by the CSO and NSSO;